

24. Particles 4 and Refractive Index Methods

Friday, November 18, 2022

Today:

Particles - Hydrogen Bubble technique
 Refractive Index = Index of Refraction techniques

Please do the 'Artist Statement' ASAP. Drop dead deadline is Dec 2, but earlier will be very helpful.

Flow Vis Fall 2022							November 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
		1	2 Particles A	3	4 Team Third Critique 1	5	Week 11						
			Team Third (Vis 4) due										
6	7 Team Third critique 2	8	9 Team Third critique 3	10	11 Particles B	12	Week 12						
	Team Second Report due				Team Second Report Review								
13	14 Particles C	15	16 Refract/Vis index techniques A	17	18 Refract/Vis index techniques B	19	Week 13						
	Revisions due												
20 BREAK	21 BREAK	22 BREAK	23 BREAK	24 Thanksgiving	25 BREAK	26 BREAK	Week 14						
27	28 Light emitting fluids	29	30 BLEVEs, aesthetics		cloud critiq								
			Clouds Second vid/image due										
Notes													

Hydrogen Bubbles

National Committee on Fluid Mechanics Film

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuQyKGuXJOs&t>

NCFMF film 'Flow Visualization'

Hydrogen bubble technique, but also discusses streamline vs streakline vs pathline

Streamline: tangent to the velocity field

Pathline: path one particle takes

Streakline: path of all particles starting at a single location

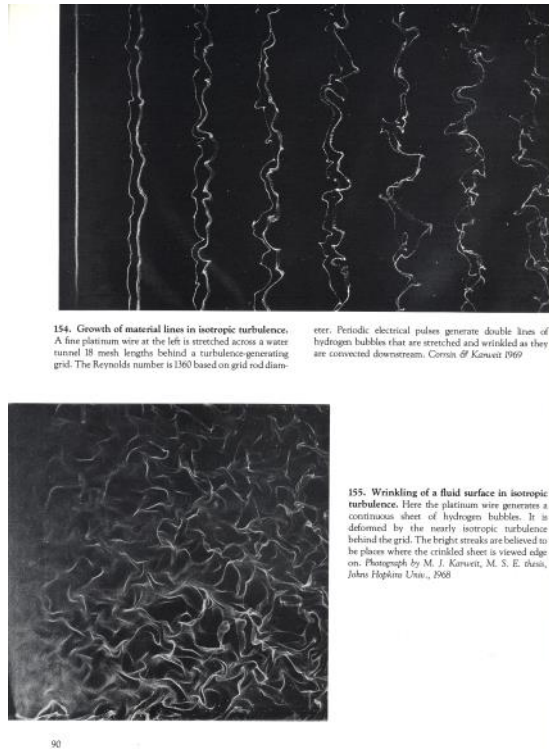
In steady flow, all three of these are the same.

Clicker: What does motion blur in a flow vis image show?

- A) Streamline
- B) Pathline

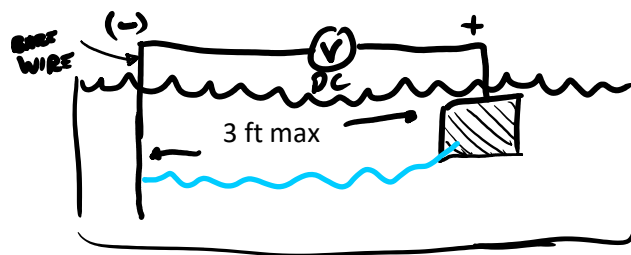
C) Streakline

Want neutral buoyancy, but for very small particles viscous forces are high. Can use up to 100 μm bubbles. Good scatterers.



Van Dyke's Album of Fluid Motion

Hydrogen Bubbles



H_2 bubbles
anode

O_2 & Cl_2 bubbles
cathode

large plate or
pipe

Cl_2 = Chlorine gas. Used as sterilizer in 'salt pools' and hot tubs. NaCl = table salt. Small device electrolyzes water. Chlorine gas kills organic compounds, then returns to Cl ions. Nice to not have to add chlorine or bromine tablets.

Smallest H₂ bubbles if wire is very thin. Bubbles = 1/2 to 1 wire diameter
= 25 to 50 μm

Want small enough bubbles to track flow, and have a slow rise time, so
< 100 μm needed.

Best if wire is platinum. Other wires oxidize, and don't provide a clean
sheet of bubbles.

Minute paper: Why not use O₂?



For same current, get half as much O₂
diffusivity
relative solubility
surface tension

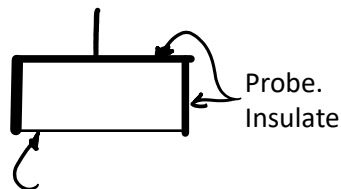
Depending on salt concentration, need 50 - 70 VDC, 1 amp minimum.
For long wires (200 mm) need 250 V, 2 amps
Expensive power supply.

The water must conduct well.

Add salt. Some refs say sodium sulfate is better than sodium
chloride, table salt.

Weak acid or base would also conduct, but may eat wire.

Too much salt = bigger bubbles, Cl gas?



Pt wire, tight and smooth. Big bubbles form at kinks.

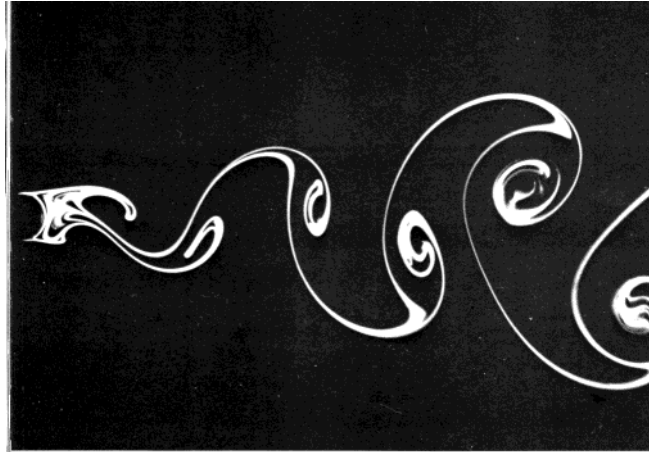
Any ions in the water are attracted to the electrodes, so material plates
onto the electrodes, fouls the wire.

"Cleaning" = Reverse polarity briefly now and then for a few seconds

Electrolytic Precipitation Technique

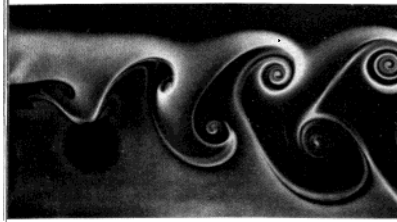
- Same circuitry as H₂ bubbles, but 10VDC, 10 mA. Much more reasonable requirements but...
Tracer is electrolytically precipitated oxide at anode, of anode material.

Metal often used = solder = tin+lead. Two heavy metals you don't want to put down the drain; needs 5 um filter.



94. Kármán vortex street behind a circular cylinder at $R=140$. Water is flowing at 1.4 cm/s past a cylinder of diameter 1 cm. Integrated streaklines are shown by electrolytic precipitation of a white colloidal smoke, illuminated

by a sheet of light. The vortex sheet is seen to grow in width downstream for some diameters. Photograph by Sada-toshi Taneda



95. Kármán vortex street behind a circular cylinder at $R=200$. This photograph, made using a different fluid (and in another country) happens to have been timed so as to resemble remarkably the flow pattern in the upper picture. A thin sheet of tobacco smoke is introduced upstream in a low-turbulence wind tunnel. Photograph by Gary Koopmann